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Notice of Meeting.

The first meeting for 1973 will be held in the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle St., Hobart, at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 15th February.

Some excellent conservation films will be screened.

Outing, Sunday, 18th February, to Mortimer Bay, Sandford, leaving Prince Theatre, Lower Macquarie St., at 10 a.m. Leader, Mrs. E. Thorpe. Bring your own lunch, including drinks, and if it's a warm day your bathers too.

Annual Subscriptions for 1973 are now due. Please pay to the Treasurer at the meeting or post to him at the address above. Subscription rates are - Single, \$3.00; Family or Group, \$4.00; Junior, \$1.50. For Non-members the annual subscription for "The Tasmanian Naturalist" is \$1.00.

Bus trip to Repulse Dam in November was very successful and fully enjoyed by all who attended. Birds were not as plentiful as might have been but a fair variety was seen. Wildflowers provided a good showing on both banks of the river but there was not much away from the water. Full lists will be available at the meeting.

Our special thanks go to the organisers for a profitable excursion.

Habitat types within Tas. National Parks. In last Bulletin reference was made to the desire of our Federation to ensure an adequate representation, and a Sub-committee from the Club's General Committee has prepared a summary which it has passed on to the Federation. A copy will be available for your perusal at the next meeting.



Protection of Native Flora. The Federation has also been anxious to support the National Parks & Wildlife Service in its proposal to protect these, but we haven't yet received any comments from members about species which they consider to need special attention. If you have any thoughts about plants, including trees, which might be in danger of extinction would you please give a written note to any committee member.

Places of special interest to visitors. The magazine "Wildlife in Australia" intends to publish a series of articles of such places close to the chief cities as a guide to visitors. We have sent a proposal for the Hobart area and hope that it will be found useful.

Club Library. You should all be aware that the library is housed in two bookcases in our meeting room and any books or magazines in it may be borrowed upon application to our Librarian, David Ziegeler. In addition, almost all issues of "The Tasmanian Naturalist", in its several series dating back to the Club's beginning in 1904, are available for purchase, and they provide a wealth of information collected by the Club covering many branches of natural history. There are quite a number of books of fairly general interest and several, such as Nicholls' "Orchids of Australia", of a more specialised nature.

It has just come to our notice that a very recent book, "Insects of the World", is now available and is regarded as a first-class reference book. Its cost is about \$15. This raises the question, "Should the Club purchase such a book as this to make its library as comprehensive as possible?" It would be interesting to know how many members would make use of it; if you would, please let us know.

Easter Camp. The Committee has not reached any decision on the site of the next camp, which you may be aware could in 1973 extend over almost a week if a proposal to approve Easter Tuesday as a Public Holiday because the following day is Anzac Day is accepted.

Any suggestions for the site would be welcomed, but please bear in mind that water may well be a problem.

Tasmanian Birds. You've probably forgotten all about our project to produce a pocket-sized book, but it's still a possibility. Progress is very slow, but there are signs of life and maybe it will be ready for next Christmas.

Aftermath of Bushfire, February 1967. Some may remember that soon after this event one of our excursions was to Clifton Beach where we collected and counted dead birds washed up. The information was passed to the Fauna Board which was intending to prepare a detailed report. It has now been ascertained (after 5 years) that a report was published in "Australasian Aviculture" and a summary of it also appeared in V.O.R.G. Notes, a quarterly newsletter of the Victorian Ornithological Research Group. Does any member have a copy of the report in "Aust. Aviculture"?

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, 15th March 1973. This is a preliminary notice to remind you that new officers and committee members are to be elected then, and as stated in our last Bulletin several existing office-bearers will not be available for re-election.

Please give this more than just a passing thought. Why not offer yourself for a vacancy, or at least submit nominations of others who are willing and able? Nominations in writing, with the nominee's consent, should be in Secretary's hands by 28th February so that the names of nominations may be included in the March Bulletin.

Just in case you need reminding who are the present office-bearers here they are :-

Pres., L. E. Wall; Vice-Presidents (2), M. Hurburgh and A.M. Hewer; Secretary, Miss M. Westbrook; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. E. Thorpe; Treasurer, I. Lea; Committee Members, Misses E. Warren and E. Brown; Messrs. G. van Munster, B. Shepherd, K. Aves & J. Hooper; Auditor, Miss R. Warren; Publicity Officer, M. Hurburgh; Editor, Tas. Naturalist, D.G. Thomas; delegates to Federation of F.N.C.T., Miss Westbrook and D. G. Thomas.

Nomination Forms are overleaf.

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